

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, September 30, 2013, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips

Alderman John Clark

Alderman Colette George

Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire

Alderman Tom C. Parham

Alderman Tom Segelhorst

Alderman Jantry Shupe

(arrived after roll call/left at 5:30 p.m.)

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall.
3. **PRESENTATION: DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE.** Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt presented this item and provided details on recent ridership trends. He stated the new service targeting citizens 65 years of age and older would have a minimal impact on the budget. City Manager Campbell pointed out the marketing strategy should focus on their family as well.
4. **REPORT: KINGSFORT HIGHER EDUCATION.** Mr. John Williams, Chair, presented the annual report for the first year of the Kingsport Higher Education Commission. He noted they are currently maximizing the use of all facilities.
5. **PROPOSAL: KINGSFORT CITY SCHOOLS SELF-INSURANCE.** School Superintendant Dr. Lyle Ailshie explained the schools are looking at the feasibility of leaving the state insurance program to become self-funded. Mr. Mark Morgan gave a presentation and provided details on claims and premiums, pointing out the self-funded program would remain within the budget. Some discussion followed.
6. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt gave an update on next year's ball field schedule. He stated they were one softball field short of having all the games covered, noting the biggest concern was the lack of lights for later adult games. Discussion followed on what it takes to bring new residents to Kingsport.
7. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE OCTOBER 1, 2013 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

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VI.AA.1 Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Sections 114-1, 114-103 and 114-131(4) of the City Code Pertaining to Approvals of Zoning Development Plans (AF: 232-2013). City Planner Karen Combs presented this item and answered questions from the board.

VI.B.2 Consideration of an Ordinance Appropriating Funds for the J. Fred Johnson Stadium Upgrade Project and a Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Project and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement for the Same (AF: 257-2013). City Manager Campbell stated that even with a conservative approach to ticket sales, it will be enough to pay for the additional seating.

V.D.2 Consideration of a Resolution to Accept a Donation of a Robotic System from Robotex, Inc. of Palo Alto, CA with the Value of \$7,500.00 to be Utilized by the Kingsport Police Department (AF: 259-2013). Police Chief David Quillin provided details on the benefits this item would provide the police department.


V.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Amendment 3 to the Safe Routes to School Agreement Number 100189 (Andrew Jackson Elementary School) with the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation Extending the Project Completion Deadline and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 252-2013). City Manager Campbell discussed this item, noting this was the second one under construction and they have given an extension. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds confirmed the Kennedy and Roosevelt Schools project was complete.


BOARD COMMENT. None.


PUBLIC COMMENT. Ms. Mary McNabb and Ms. Barbara Brown made comments.

8. KINGSFORT NEW VISION STRATEGY AND SUPPORTING PLAN. Alderman Clark stated he attended the ETSU grand opening last week and noted the last five year vision plan has been completed. He requested the city look at a new goal for the next five to ten years. There was considerable discussion on what this would entail.

9. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHAM
Deputy City Recorder




DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor